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[1](#)1. (SBU) Embassy Rabat has conveyed to senior levels of the GOM the U.S. invitation for Morocco to participate with President Bush in a roundtable discussion on democracy on the margins of UNGA, September 19 (ref B). Morocco will be represented in the discussion by Prime Minister Jettou.

[1](#)2. (SBU) The Embassy has also conveyed the invitation for Morocco to participate in the September 20 Community of Democracies Ministerial (ref A), and the request for a bilateral meeting between U/S Burns and Foreign Minister Benaissa, within the parameters conveyed ref C. Foreign Minister Benaissa is currently leading the Moroccan delegation to the NAM summit in Havana.

[1](#)3. (SBU) Additionally, the Embassy approached Zouheir Merchaoui, Chief of Staff to Arab Maghreb Union (AMU) Secretary-General Ben Yahia, with the request that U/S Burns

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be included in an AMU meeting on the margins of UNGA (ref C).
Merchaoui undertook to pass the request to Ben Yahia, who is traveling, and respond as soon as possible.

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